

REMARKS:

Claims 7-9, 15-18, 24, 28, and 31-35 are presented for examination, with claim 8 having been amended hereby.

To begin with, notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 7, 9, 15-18, 24, 28, 31 and 33-35. Of note, the February 5, 2004 Office Action was somewhat unclear as to whether claim 32 was allowed. More particularly, the claims identified as comprising "Allowable Subject Matter" (at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action) include claim 32, while the Office Action Summary page and the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection indicate that claim 32 is rejected.

In this regard, the undersigned will assume for the purposes of this Response that claims 8 and 32 stand rejected. Thus, based on this assumption, reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 8 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,234,910 ("Price").

Price relates to a head-supported illumination device which, as seen for example in Fig. 1 (and as discussed, for example, at col. 1, lines 2-5), is of the "type used by physicians and surgeons to provide a high intensity light source with an area of illumination controllable without the use of hands, usually by head movement."

More particularly, as discussed at col. 3, lines 23-26, "each of the fiber bundles 14 is terminated on one side of the frame 10 in such a manner as to illuminate an area at some preselected distance in front of the frame" (emphasis added).

In contrast to the forward illumination of Price, claim 8 now more specifically recites the feature that the light source is positioned in a cavity within the arm and that the light source is positioned to shine towards the distal end of the arm.

In addition, it is noted that the Examiner specifically indicates at page 3 of the February 5, 2004 Office Action (with reference to the allowance of claim 9) that "the prior art of record fails to show a light source that is positioned to shine towards the distal end of the arm".

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 8 is patentably distinct over the cited art.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that claim 32, which depends from claim 8, is likewise patentably distinct over the cited art for at the same reasons as claim 8.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 8 and 32 under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Price has been overcome and that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance.

Finally, it is noted that this Amendment is fully supported by the originally filed application and thus, no new matter has been added. For this reason, the Amendment should be entered.

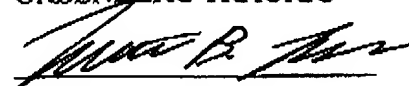
More particularly, support for the amendment to claim 8 is found in claims 1 and 8, as filed; at page 3, lines 5-8, as filed; in Figs. 1 and 2, as filed; and throughout the specification.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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